

Second Call for Papers

News discourse from Early Modern English to the twentieth century

The Fourth International Conference on Historical News Discourse (CHINED IV) will be held at the University of Helsinki, 5-7 June 2014. The programme will begin on Thursday 5 June at 2 p.m. and finish on Saturday evening with the conference dinner, including a short boat trip through the Helsinki archipelago. For Sunday we have planned an outing. For more information, see the conference website at <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/chined-4/>.

Plenary speakers and their topics:

- Prof. Birte Bös (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany), “Of hopes and struggles – newsmakers’ metadiscourse at the dawn of the newspaper age”
- Prof. Martin Conboy (University of Sheffield, UK), “British popular newspaper traditions: from the nineteenth century to the first tabloid”
- Prof. Roberta Facchinetti (University of Verona, Italy), “Birth and development of multimodality in news reporting”

We invite presentations dealing with news discourse from the Early Modern English Period to the early decades of the 20th century. This conference series adopts a broad perspective on historical news discourse and contributions dealing with a variety of news publications are encouraged. These include pamphlets as the first real mass media, corantos, and newspapers where texts range from news items to editorials, advertisements and announcements, and various other genres. We would particularly like to invite pragmatic and sociolinguistic discourse studies, and new developments of corpus linguistic applications.

The main theme of the conference will be texts targeted at various audiences in the centuries in focus. The beginnings of more popular styles have usually been placed in the eighteenth century, but styles of writing varied even earlier according to different target groups.

- How can we distinguish publications for different audiences?
- When did the styles diversify?
- What was the impact of changing and increasing readership on news discourse?

Abstracts of 300 words should be sent to chined-iv@helsinki.fi by 1 December 2013.

Abstracts will be evaluated by members of the Scientific Advisory Board (Nicholas Brownlees, Beatrix Busse, Claudia Claridge, Andreas Jucker, Dan McIntyre, Teresa Sánchez Roura and Erik Smitterberg) and the Organizing committee.

With best wishes,

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